

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 018936

62

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY PM/ISP:LHBROWN;PM/ISO:MRDWORKEN:DME

APPROVED BY PM/ISP:LHBROWN

EA/IMS:MR. INGRAHAM

EUR/NE:MR. FLOYD

S/S - JPMOFFAT

- - -

----- 056134

P R 272152Z JAN 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

S E C R E T STATE 018936

STADIS////////////////////////////////////

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, US, UK, SN

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF UK FORCES FROM SINGAPORE

REF: SINGAPORE 150

NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

1. BEGIN FYI ONLY. DEPARTMENT HAS MADE NO FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO UK SINCE MID-NOVEMBER ON NON-NATO ASPECTS OF UK DEFENSE REVIEW. HOWEVER, IN US-UK NOVEMBER DISCUSSION OF DEFENSE REVIEW, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON, US CONCERN ABOUT BRITIS WITHDRAWAL FROM SINGAPORE WAS EXPRESSED AT VERY SENIOR LEVEL. POINT WAS MADE THAT US CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT NAVAL AND AIR FACILITIES AT SINGAPORE BE MAINTAINED UNDER UK MILITARY

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 018936

CONTROL. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FURTHER US REPRESENTATIONS

ON SINGAPORE LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE; MOREOVER, GIVEN PRESENT TEMPER OF LABOUR GOVERNMENT AND UK ECONOMIC SITUATION, A MAJOR PITCH ON SINGAPORE, IF SUCCESSFUL, MIGHT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER ELEMENTS OF DEFENSE REVIEW IN WHICH WE HAVE EQUAL OR GREATER INTEREST. IF UK DECIDES, OF COURSE, FOR WHATEVER REASON, TO MAINTAIN SOME PRESENCE IN SINGAPORE BEYOND APRIL 1976, WE WOULD WELCOME THAT DECISION.

2. RECENT BRITISH RESPONSE TO OUR COMMENTS ON DEFENSE

REVIEW PROPOSALS INCLUDED, IN ESSENCE, STATEMENT THAT JUDGEMENT OF PRIORITIES AGAINST RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS LED THEM TO CONCLUSION THAT RETAINING GREATER RESIDUAL PRESENCE EAST OF SUEZ WOULD NECESSITATE FOREGOING COMMITMENTS AND CAPABILITIES ELSEWHERE. BRITISH INDICATED THEY WILL RETAIN CAPABILITY TO DEPLOY, AND WILL PAY OCCASIONAL NAVAL AND AIR FORCE VISITS, TO EAST OF SUEZ AREA. BRITISH ALSO MENTIONED THAT FPDA PARTNERS HAVE NOTED UK PROPOSALS WITH REGRET, BUT WITHOUT MAJOR OBJECTIONS. NEW ZEALAND FORCES ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN AFTER WITHDRAWAL, AND BRITISH SAY THEY ARE DISCUSSING TIMING WITH GNZ TO MINIMIZE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FACILITY TRANSITIONAL PROBLEMS. END FYI ONLY.

3. FOREGOING DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE DESCRIBED IN SINGAPORE 334 (NOTAL). SHOULD USN STUDY RECOMMEND PROCEEDING, WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SURVEILLANCE, TROOP REDUCTIONS, OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT, MILITARY PLANS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** johnsorg  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE018936  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** LHBROWN;PM/ISO:MRDWORKEN:DME  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750030-0249  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750117/aaaaaops.tel  
**Line Count:** 90  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** STADIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** STADIS  
**Reference:** 75 SINGAPORE 150  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** johnsorg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 APR 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <28 APR 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <04 NOV 2003 by johnsorg>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** WITHDRAWAL OF UK FORCES FROM SINGAPORE  
**TAGS:** MARR, US, UK, SN  
**To:** SINGAPORE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006